Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—During the next educational year will they be provided with seats in the College?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Certainly, we have assured them.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Have there been any requests from any of the students who were asked to go away for any sort of help from the Government?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Already a great deal of help has been recommended on certain general principles. Two other cases for additional assistance have been brought to my notice and they are also being placed before the Government.

Public cart-stand—Vadakkancheri.

346. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—With reference to the question No. 10 of the Budget Session of 1106, will the Government be pleased to state (a) whether the Government has come to any conclusion regarding the necessity for a public cart-stand at Vadakkancheri;

(b) whether the correspondence regarding the same can be made available to the House if the decision of the Government is not to have a public cart-stand?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar (a) No.

(b) Since the matter is under enquiry the correspondence cannot be made public at this stage.

Raising the grade of the C. M. & S. O.

347. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—(a) what were the special reasons that worked with the Government to raise the Office of the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer to the first grade departmental heads while the Special Finance Committee recommended and the Government accepted the recommendation to put the said office in the second grade;

(b) is the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer allowed private practice;

(c) is the Government aware that the Surgeon-General of Madras is not allowed to take up private practice?

Mr. T. S. Sesha Ayyar.—(a) The recommendation of the Special Finance Committee was to place the Chief Medical Officer in the first grade on Rs. 600—800 and not in the 2nd grade. Though he was at first placed in the 2nd grade only, Government thought it proper to raise his status and pay to that of the 1st grade in view of the fact that he was one of the most important heads of departments.

(b) Yes.

(c) Yes.

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